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Patrick L. Keller  
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**Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2015-1388**

Dear Mr. Keller:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its March 18, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion concerning the post-employment restrictions that would apply to you as a former public employee. You stated that you were employed as a staff attorney for the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development in 2006 working primarily on Disaster Recovery Housing Programs until you were transferred to the Office of General Counsel within the Division of Administration on July 1, 2013. You also stated that while employed with the Office of General Counsel, you performed legal work including reviewing legislative bills, responding to public records requests, and assisting with the defense of lawsuits involving the Office of Community Development. Finally, you stated that on August 22, 2014, you left state employment and returned to the private sector and are now considering working for companies that may provide private consulting services to your former agency.

The Board concluded and instructed me to inform you that, generally, La. R.S. 42:1121 of the Code of Governmental Ethics contains the post-employment restrictions for former public employees. Section 1121B of the Code prohibits a former public employee, for a period of two years following the termination of his public employment, from assisting another person, for compensation, in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction in which the former public employee participated at any time during his public employment and involving the governmental entity by which he was formerly employed, or from rendering, on a contractual basis to or for the agency with which he was formerly employed, any service which such former public employee had rendered to the agency during the term of his public employment. In addition, Section 1121C of the Code prohibits any entity in which you are an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee for a period of two years following the termination of your public employment, from assisting another person, for compensation, in a transaction or in an appearance in connection with a transaction in which you participated at any time during your public employment and which involves your former public employer.

In order to receive a more detailed advisory opinion regarding specific contractors you would like to work for, please forward the particular set of facts and circumstances surrounding any potential contract or employment, such as the name of the contractor and the relationship they may have with your former agency.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

## LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

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Jennifer T. Land  
For the Board

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BOARD OF ETHICS